

Don't Invite Craig Roberts

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Parody of murder mystery movie scenes in which the detective has all of the murder suspects gathered together in the drawing room of a mansion in order to provoke the perpetrator into revealing himself.

The twist here is that everyone, including the detective, is preoccupied with absurdly maintaining social protocols regarding who can speak with whom and who must not be spoken to. Consequently, no actual suspect is in the room; the detective, who is the cliché of the millionaire high society detective, is trying to get at information without actually having to speak to anyone beneath his class. As everyone else in the room has similar dispositions regarding whom they would wish to address directly, the murder investigation tends to take a completely absurd, pointless direction, wherein everyone is talking about people who are not in the room, and who are not actual suspects, but may have enough of a social relationship with people who may have enough of a social relationship with people who may lead the investigation somewhere. The dialog between the characters is essentially comprised of pertinent-sounding questions combined with endless chitter-chatter that allows conversation to take off anywhere in a whimsical digression.

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